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## GERMANY IS PREPARING FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

**Sent Agent to the Hague to Arrange for Her Delegates to the Suggested Conference—Sweden Dispatches Strong Notes Favoring Peace Consideration—German Reply to Wilson Note Did Not State Terms.**

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from the Hague says German agents have arrived there to make preliminary arrangements for the German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

### Sweden for Peace.

Berne, Dec. 27.—The Tageblatt announced that Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss government.

### Believes Germany in Earnest.

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of the German government's reply to President Wilson's note was characterized by the Evening News as evidence that Germany is in earnest to bring the war to an end. The Standard says: "We trust the government will give President Wilson a perfectly courteous but also definite reply and then go on with the war as energetically as possible."

### Germany Has Answered.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Dispute dis-appointment that Germany did not accede to the President's suggestion and lay down terms, the general view prevails that the reply is another step

forward in the peace movement because it left room for subsequent negotiations. There was no comment on the note because the official form had not been received.

### American Steamer Held Up.

Havre, Dec. 27.—Captain Palter of the American steamship Sacramento, arriving from Buenos Aires with a cargo of wheat, reports she was stopped in the English channel by a German submarine. After examining the ship's papers the German commander said: "You are carrying wheat, which we consider contraband of war, to France. It's lucky for you your ship is an American, otherwise we would stop you with great pleasure. You can proceed. Good luck."

### To Settle Irish Question.

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for a settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian. Home rule for Ireland not the exclusion of Ulster is the basis for the suggestions.

### Danish Bark Sunk.

London, Dec. 27.—Lloyd's announces that the Danish bark Joican has been sunk.

## NEXT SESSION TO BE BUSY ONE

**Forecast of Important Measures to Be Considered by Next Legislative Session.**

(By Associated Press.)

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—When the thirty-fifth legislature of Texas convenes Tuesday, January 9th, at noon, what promises to be one of the most important sessions of the lawmakers of the state held in recent years will be under way. Hundreds of bills are expected to be dumped into the hoppers for consideration.

There will be many new faces in both branches and, it is said, each member is likely to have at least three bills for introduction. During the past few weeks members of both houses have been in this city gathering data to be used in the preparation of measures to be submitted. Immediately after organization is affected both houses are expected to get down to business.

Governor Ferguson is now giving consideration to his biennial message containing recommendations for legislation which he will send to the lawmakers. The message is expected to be comparatively brief, as the governor declares he will adhere to the Democratic platform as adopted at the state convention last August. It is said, however, that he will make a number of recommendations outside of the platform demands and party pledges.

Probably the two most important propositions of a general nature to come up for consideration will be submission of proposed amendments to the constitution providing for statewide prohibition and woman suffrage. The people have voted in favor of submission and it is said there is no way the lawmakers can escape discussing it. Since a two-thirds vote is necessary in each house it cannot be stated whether a resolution providing for submission of prohibition will be adopted. The prohibitionists claim they have the necessary two-thirds while the anti-prohibitionists insist the "drys" will fall a few votes short in the senate.

That the suffrage amendment to the constitution will be presented is considered certain by woman suffrage leaders in the state. Whether the amendment will be adopted, however, is problematical, political leaders say. The Democratic platform is silent on both prohibition and suffrage.

As to the Robertson insurance law, which was an important issue in the last legislature and which the people voted to retain in the July primary, leaders predict that an effort will be made to change it. They express doubt, however, as to the success of such efforts.

Judicial reform is another important subject to be considered by the legislative body. The Texas Law Association plans to prevent a bill having for its object a complete change in the judicial system of the state. It is said this bill would have the effect of increasing the number of judges on the supreme bench to fifteen. This will, it is said, also would change in many respects the system of the appellate courts.

Representative Newton B. Williams of McLennan county, with a view to relieving congestion in the supreme court, will introduce a bill giving final jurisdiction to the courts of civil appeals in all litigation involving \$10,000 or less. Efforts will also be made, it is said, to create additional courts of civil appeals. There are at present nine such courts in Texas.

Following the platform pledges and demands, Governor Ferguson, it is understood, likely will recommend to the legislature an appropriation of 2 million dollars to be expended at the rate of 1 million dollars a year in the aid of rural schools.

The 1 million dollars appropriated by the last legislature has resulted in over two thousand schools being given aid.

The governor has indicated he will follow the platform demands, which is taken to mean he will recommend an appropriation to increase the state ranger force to its maximum of eighty men.

Senator Claude Hudspeth of El Paso has announced he will introduce a bill on the ranger subject.

Creation of a state highway commission is another proposition which

is expected to be recommended to the legislature. Friends of the governor say he has decided to submit this proposition.

A measure advocated by the University of Texas is to be introduced authorizing the board of that institution to issue approximately 4 million dollars in bonds and pledge the university lands to secure the bonds. This sum is said to be needed to carry out the plans of the board of regents to construct a number of new and modern buildings to replace some now located on the campus and which are considered inadequate.

Just what attitude Governor Ferguson will take toward this proposal has not been indicated.

Another measure which is expected to create considerable interest is a bill now being prepared by C. W. Woodman, state labor commissioner, providing for civil service for all state employees. A bill along similar lines was introduced in a former legislature, but was defeated.

Several labor measures will be introduced, including an extension of the scope of the eight-hour law, enactment of a minimum wage law for female employees and amendments to the workmen's compensation law. A bill on the latter subject has already been prepared which is said to have the approval of the state industrial accident board and the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor.

An amendment to the 54-hour law, with a view of making it more effective, is to be introduced also.

The general irrigation law is also to be amended, according to plans, so as to give the state board of water engineers more administrative powers and also greater scope in the adjudication of water rights. It is proposed to make changes in the state warehouse and marketing law. This is a party platform demand.

Measures calculated to attract and encourage foreign capital are also to be presented for consideration and it is said the governor may have something to say in his message on this subject.

The state penitentiary system is also to come up for consideration and it is said there may be certain changes made in the law governing the penal system. "Such changes as are necessary," the Democratic platform authorities say. A bill also is to be introduced to appropriate approximately 1 million dollars to pay back debts of the penitentiary system contracted before Ferguson's administration. The governor says the legislature should dispose of these old debts as it deems proper.

The penitentiary system is now said to be upon a self sustaining basis.

Sale of the Texas State railroad is another matter which will be left to the Texas legislature to dispose of. That the state is willing to sell the property is generally known, it is said.

Some disposition of the Rusk iron furnace is also scheduled to come before the legislature.

It is said that approximately 16 million dollars for the support of the state government for the next two fiscal years will be asked. With the present tax rate, authorities assert, the appropriation may be made without the state going on a deficit.

There also will be made an effort to pass a law creating an additional agricultural and mechanical college to be situated in the western portion of Texas; a new state insane asylum is also proposed and an appropriation of \$100,000 for tick eradication will be brought to the attention of the lawmakers.

James T. Denton, representative of Jefferson county, will introduce a bill which, if passed, will make tick eradication by dipping compulsory. There also is to be presented for consideration a bill which will more clearly define the purposes for which candidates for office spend money in campaigns for office and requiring such candidates to give more publicity to such expenditures.

Establishment of a \$100,000 quarantine station at Sabine Pass will also be urged in a bill prepared by Mr. Denton.

It is said that a more liberal appropriation for the live stock sanitary commission will be sought.

An appropriation for a traveling laboratory to make bacteriological examinations of water and for other purposes as well, will be recommended. It is understood.

## GERMANY WOULD HOLD A PEACE CONFERENCE

**Proposes a Meeting of Delegates From Belligerent Nations to Discuss the Subject—The Teutonic Powers Are Still Winning in Rumania and Have Taken 5,500 More Prisoners.**

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Germany and allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, today replied to President Wilson's note asking the belligerents what the aim for which they are fighting. The Central Powers propose an immediate conference of belligerents in some neutral city. The task is for preventing future wars—The note says an "immediate exchange of views seems to be a move along the appropriate road in order to reach the desired result."

### Germany's Answer Made.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The text of Germany's answer to Wilson's note has been transmitted to Ambassador Gerard.

### Allies Lost Ship.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Two Allies patrol boats were sunk and four other Allied warships damaged in the recent engagement in the straight of Otranto, it is officially announced.

### Took 5,500 Prisoners.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—In Rumania 5500 more prisoners have been taken by the Teutonic allies the war office announces.

The town of Filipechti on the railroad between Buzeu and Brailia was captured at the bayonet point.

Strongly entrenched Russian positions on both sides of the village were stormed the statement says.

### German Reply Caustic.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—The Telgaraf

says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it is not advisable to communicate it to the Dutch Parliament and that the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such manner that it may be presented to parliament.

The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland. A Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times on December 5th said Germany had responded in words tantamount to saying "mind your own business."

### No Peace Signs in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 26.—The feeling of peace has not effected in the slightest Italy's military activity. A new class, those born in 1898 have been called to report to the colors on January 1st, which will considerably increase contingents available for the front, while twenty-five hundred factories are running day and night turning out arms and ammunitions.

### War Must Continue.

Paris, Dec. 26.—In addressing the National Congress of the Socialist party, Arthur Henderson a British cabinet minister and G. H. Herberts member of the British Parliament, both affirmed that the war must be fought until full guarantees have been secured for lasting peace.

## WANT CHINESE COLONY IN HAWAII

**Wealthy Chinaman and a Business Man to Ask Congress to Allow Immigration of Chinese.**

(By Associated Press.) Honolulu, Dec. 27.—Permission for the entry into Hawaiian territory of 25,000 Chinese immigrants will be asked of Congress by Farn Cornn, a wealthy Chinaman of this city, and J. H. Hindel, a business man. These two gentlemen will leave here soon for Washington on this mission. They plan to have a bill introduced in Congress permitting this immigration.

## RESIGNS FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE

**Clarence W. Watson, Former U. S. Senator, Resigns From Democratic National Committee.**

(By Associated Press.) Fairmount, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Former United States Senator Clarence W. Watson announced this morning that he had resigned from the Democratic national committee, giving business reasons as the cause.

## MAJOR POWELL CLAYTON DEAD

Washington, Dec. 27.—Major Powell Clayton, formerly attached to the general staff of the war department, recently assigned to the Sixteenth cavalry on the border, died today at Fort Sam Houston from injuries received two weeks ago while schooling his horse over hurdles on the drill field.

## UP TO WOMEN TO LOOK NEAT

**Chicago Judge Delivers Lecture to Women Who Complain of Husband Desertion.**

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 27.—Attention to private appearance would save many homes from being wrecked, Judge Stelk, of the court of domestic relations told the women complaining of desertion. "Some wives merit all the neglect they get," he said. "Once married they become slovenly, unclean, dilapidated and their lingerie is treated with secondary consideration. Some women I have seen in this court would scare away a man who had spent 17 years on a desert island."

## HOUSTON GETS A FARM LOAN BANK

**South Texas Metropolis Selected As Location for One of Twelve Farm Loan Banks.**

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 27.—Houston Texas; Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louisville, New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Omaha, Wichita, Kan.; Berkeley, Calif.; and Spokane, Washington, have been selected as the locations for the twelve farm loan banks. Texas comprises district number ten.

The banks will be organized temporarily by the appointment of a board of five directors for each bank and who shall reside in the district where the bank is located. The directors will select from their number the bank's officers. More than seventy-five cities applied for the location of the banks and all were given hearing.

## CENTRAL ARKANSAS WAS STORM SWEEP

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—The death today is placed at twelve in the winter tornado which swept Central Arkansas late yesterday. Twenty-three are known to have been injured. The wires are still down. Information as to the extent of the damage is still indefinite.

### SPECIAL SERVICE.

**Buckner Orphans' Home Service at First Baptist Church.**

The regular preaching service at the First Baptist church was suspended on Sunday evening and in its stead a special service was held for Buckner Orphans' Home at Dallas. Gifts by the hundreds were brought for the inmates of the home and these had been secured through the efforts of Miss Florine Batte, who undertook the noble task of collecting gifts enough for one for every child in the home. A collection was also taken for the benefit of the home and the sum of \$250 was raised. The donation and the gifts will be distributed at the home on January 3rd, the 84th birthday of Dr. R. C. Buckner, founder of the home. Miss Florine Batte will attend the celebration and make presentation of the splendid offering from Bryan. The following program was rendered at the special service:

Voluntary, Mrs. H. O. Boatwright. Marching Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers," Primary and Junior Departments.

Invocation, Rev. J. J. Pipkin. Recitation—"This Orphan's Day," Eight Little Girls.

Song—"Merry Christmas Bells," Primary Department.

Recitation, Little Mary Cavitt. Duet, Pauline and Leila Davis.

Recitation, Marie Elizabeth Webb. Recitation and Chorus—"Marvelous Love," recitation by Helen Kerr Parker, chorus by several girls.

Empty Stockings, Nancy Moore. Recitation—"A Christmas Carol, Five Little Boys.

Recitation—"Jesus," Master George Griffin.

## COMMENT ON PREMIER'S STATEMENT

**Think Allies Will Demand Surrender of All Captured Territory and Pay Indemnity.**

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press as a whole expresses little surprise at the British Premier's attitude, altho they wonder why he believes that entering into a conference would involve the Ententes as placing its head in a noose. The Premier's references to restitution and reparation are universally interpreted as an Entente demand that Germany surrender all occupied territory and probably pay indemnity.

**Italian Steamship Sunk.** Paris, Dec. 21.—The sinking of an Italian steamship in collision with the French armored cruiser, Ernest Renan, was reported in the Maristille district. Several were drowned. The number of survivors given as one hundred and twenty.

### ELLIOTT-LACY.

Mr. Stanley Elliott of this city and Miss Jewell Lacy of Bishop, Texas, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lacy, in Bishop, on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The bride is a charming and highly accomplished young lady and was a social favorite in her home city. The groom was reared in this community, being a son of the late R. B. Elliott and his wife, and now holds a responsible position in the grocery business of Hardy Newton.

Mr. Elliott arrived home yesterday with his bride and they have apartments with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Elliott on Robertson street.

The Eagle speaks a cordial reception for Mrs. Elliott into the social circles of the city.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Wheat advanced 6 to 7 cents today on big export sales.



# 300 CARRANZA TROOPS EXECUTED BY VILLA

Were Captured When Santa Rosalia Fell—The Colonel Commanding Was Included—Salazar, a Villa General Is Attacking Chihuahua—Hotel Dynamited at Saltillo.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Foreign property owners of Santa Rosalia have been advised that Santa Rosalia was captured by Villistas December 12th. Three hundred Carranza soldiers, who had entrained to go to Chihuahua, were captured and practically all of them executed, the report said, including the colonel commanding. It was also reported that Jose Ynez Salazar was attacking Chihuahua City and that Villa was approaching Jimenez, en route north to participate in this attack. Carranza officials here say they have no news regarding the fighting at Torreon and deny the Chihuahua story.

## Hotel Dynamited.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 23.—An unconfirmed rumor here says that the

Hotel Coahuila at Saltillo was dynamited yesterday, many Carranza officers being among those killed or injured. Carranza was reported to be at Saltillo, but the rumors did not locate him in the Hotel Coahuila.

## Sanctions Labor Unions.

Queretaro, Dec. 23.—By adopting an article providing for the right of citizens to meet for peaceful and lawful purposes, the constitutional convention makes possible the existence of labor unions.

## Soldiers Threaten Boycott.

Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the soldiers have threatened to boycott San Benito merchants because the school board there refuses to rescind an order requiring teachers to refrain from dancing.

# GUARD DEFICIT MAY REACH \$50,000,000

Seventy-Five Thousand Men Being Retained and Those Demobilized Must Be Reoutfitted.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—Testifying before the House military committee recently Quartermaster General Sharpe said if the national guard were retained on the border at a strength of 75,000 men until June 30th, 1917, the deficit would reach a total of 50 million dollars. It was more than 25 million dollars on October 1, and has increased in excess of 3 millions since that time, according to the figures presented Friday.

The supplemental estimate of \$11,150,000 to maintain the guard during the fiscal year 1917 is understood to include provision for the replacement of clothing and other property which the state soldiers brought with them into the federal service. It is the army custom that discharged soldiers take their clothing with them and presumably the demobilized regiments will have to be reoutfitted.

# KIRBY LUMBER CO. GIFT TO EMPLOYEES

Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Distributed Among the Employees as Christmas Gift.

(By Associated Press.)

Houston, Dec. 23.—Six thousand employees of the Kirby Lumber Co. will receive \$75,000 as Christmas gifts. All employees who have been in the service as long as three months are included.

# NINE MILLION FOR MACHINE GUNS

Contracts Let for Four Thousand Guns at Cost of \$5,500,000—More to Be Purchased Soon.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—In accordance with the original recommendations of the special machine gun board, the war department Tuesday let contracts for 4,000 Vickers machine guns and accessories at a cost of \$5,500,000, and announced that additional contracts soon would be let which would bring the expenditure on such weapons for the regular army and the national guard up to about \$9,500,000.

The department's decision was construed as finally disposing of the suggestion that the Lewis machine gun, concerning which there has been a bitter controversy, be adopted as the army standard.

Frank R. Stanford is spending a few days at his home in Lorena.

# CONGRESSMAN M'LE- MORE WILL WED

Representative at Large En Route to Galveston to Wed—December 27th the Date.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congressman at Large Jeff McLeMore left Wednesday night for Galveston, where he will be married on the 27th to Miss May Clark of that city. He has been the recipient of many congratulations and much attention at the hands of his colleagues in the House since the announcement of the approaching nuptials was made.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeMore will arrive in Washington shortly after the holidays and will be domiciled at the Burlington apartment hotel, where the bridegroom has already leased a suite of rooms for the remainder of the present session of Congress.

Representatives Rayburn of Bonham, Summers of Dallas and Black of Clarksville will spend the holiday recess in Texas.

# IOWA MAYOR CONFISCATED COAL

People Were Freezing and Act Was by Virtue of Dire Necessity and According to Law.

(By Associated Press.) Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 21.—Police men by order of Mayor Mac Vicar Wednesday afternoon seized a carload of coal in the local yards of the Northwestern railroad. The mayor said the coal was to be delivered to the poor. Policemen mounted guard over the coal.

The mayor informed the railroad and the company owning the coal that it had been seized "by virtue of dire necessity and in accordance with the law."

A check paying for the coal at the prevailing wholesale rate was mailed to the company.

## Live Sport Flashes

East Lansing, Mich.—The \$220,000 gymnasium of the Michigan Agricultural College is nearing completion. Plans also are under way for equipping the new athletic field of 365 acres. The field is on the south shore of Red Cedar river, opposite the gymnasium.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The coming year may witness a revival of high class harness racing in this city. It is understood that several wealthy residents who are ardent lovers of the harness/sport are ready to promote a Grand Circuit meeting at Belmont Park.

Baltimore, Md.—A race track to be owned and operated by an association composed solely of owners of horses, is a plan which is under way in Maryland. It is understood that a track will be established near Baltimore, and the promoters expect to have it in operation next year. Besides the qualification that only horse owners may hold stock, it is stipulated that no person shall be permitted to own enough stock to give him control.

Detroit, Mich.—Three Detroit athletes who have achieved nation-wide fame are soon to marry. "Jimmy" Craig, one of the greatest halfbacks the University of Michigan has ever produced, is to wed Miss Ruth Thrasher, a Cincinnati debutante. Neil (Shorty) MacMillan, former Michigan quarterback, soon will marry Miss Juliana Woodbridge, daughter of Mrs. Gustav Zanger of the exclusive Grosse Pointe colony. James D. Stanish, Jr., the golfer, is to be married here on January 20th to Miss Isabel Stroh of Detroit.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Warren (Goose) Allen of Dowagiac has been elected captain of the 1917 football eleven of Kalamazoo Normal College. He played left tackle this year.

Detroit, Mich.—The Detroit Y. M. C. A. basketball team, which has made an enviable reputation during the past decade, will open its season here December 23rd. Its opponent will be the Y. M. C. A. College of Chicago. The University of Chicago will play here December 27th.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Sterling Bullock, caretaker of the Ferry Field club house, where the University of Michigan football warriors dress, has been identified with Michigan athletics for forty years. Years ago one of Bullock's chief duties was to mend the university football, for in those days the institution possessed but one leather each season. Bullock and his

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wife also made the running togs for the track athletes.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Efforts are being made to have the Gold Challenge motor boat races held here during the week beginning June 26th, in conjunction with the 1917 Shriners' conclave. Minneapolis was awarded the races because of the record of Miss Minneapolis, which won the cup last summer at Detroit. She is the holder of the world's record of 66.66 miles an hour. The Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association regatta, also scheduled for this city, probably will be held during the conclave. Many new boats are under construction for next season's contests. Included in the list are the Baby Marold, owned by Harry Mills, which is expected to cost \$100,000; a boat to take the place of Miss Detroit, which is being built by money subscribed at Detroit, and others from Chicago, Cleveland and Peoria.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Leonard Frank, track coach at the University of Minnesota, has been re-engaged for another year at an increased salary. The board of athletic control also has authorized the erection of new stands at Northrop field with a seating capacity of 3,000. Large crowds are expected to attend conference basketball games and permission was given for the installation of 2,500 additional seats in the armory.

## SHIPPING HAY TO ALLIES.

Two Vessels Leave Galveston With Fourteen Million Pounds.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 22.—Fourteen million eight hundred thousand pounds of prairie hay, the first exported from Galveston in almost three months, constituted the freight loaded here by the British steamship Iddlesleigh and the steamer Hartfield, which cleared Wednesday for unnamed Northern French ports. Both ships have transmit shipments of metals. The Hartfield carried eight million pounds of hay and departed Wednesday afternoon. The Iddlesleigh carried 6,800,000 pounds of hay and sailed Thursday.

In addition to the two hay boats, the Booth line steamship Boniface cleared for Liverpool with sixty thousand bushels of wheat and 7,200 bales of cotton.

Misses Ardella and Willie Jones were in shopping from Harvey today.

# WILSON NOTE WILL KEEP PEACE IN FOREGROUND

Not Only Keep to the Front, But Will Increase Desire for Peace in Neutral Countries—French Reply to German Proposal Nearly Ready—New Zealand's Premier Insults President Wilson.

London, Dec. 23.—Neue Freie Press of Vienna, says an Amsterdam dispatch, claims President Wilson's note will have the effect of causing the question of peace to remain in the foreground for some time, adding that the ententes will be obliged to discuss a reasonable basis on which to end the war, and that the desire for peace in entente countries will be further strengthened.

## Important Shipping Notice.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press is advised by its London office that all shipping reports, except announcement of casualties, will be discontinued by official order.

## Food Riots in Dresden.

London, Dec. 23.—A Rotterdam dispatch says there were food riots in Dresden on December 17th, 18th and 19th. Troops were called to help the police suppress the trouble, which resulted from the closing of several food shops Sunday because they were without stocks. Women participated in the rioting, stoning the shops and marching to the king's palace, shouting for food.

## Make Germany Speak.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The only reference to President Wilson's note at the public sitting of the Chamber of Deputies today was made by Deputy Renaudel, who expressed the belief that it would compel Germany to tell plainly her war aims.

## Reply Nearly Ready.

Paris, Dec. 23.—All the entente governments' answer to Germany's peace proposal are almost finished, according to Petit Parisien. The paper says the answer sets forth clearly both "the grievances of the allies and the crushing responsibilities of the central empires."

## Insult to Wilson.

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Massey of New Zealand says: "It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back over their own borders. Then will be time for peace." He said he would like to see "the President of the United States told firmly that we have carried on the war thus far without his assistance and so intend to carry it on to the end."

## Crack at Wilson Note.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Lokal Anzeiger, though admitting President Wilson's note has had great political significance, wonders whether it comes as an aftermath of the German proposal to the entente, or is independent.

## Will Float Big Loan.

London, Dec. 23.—A Melbourne dispatch says the commonwealth is about to float another war loan of 18 million pounds.



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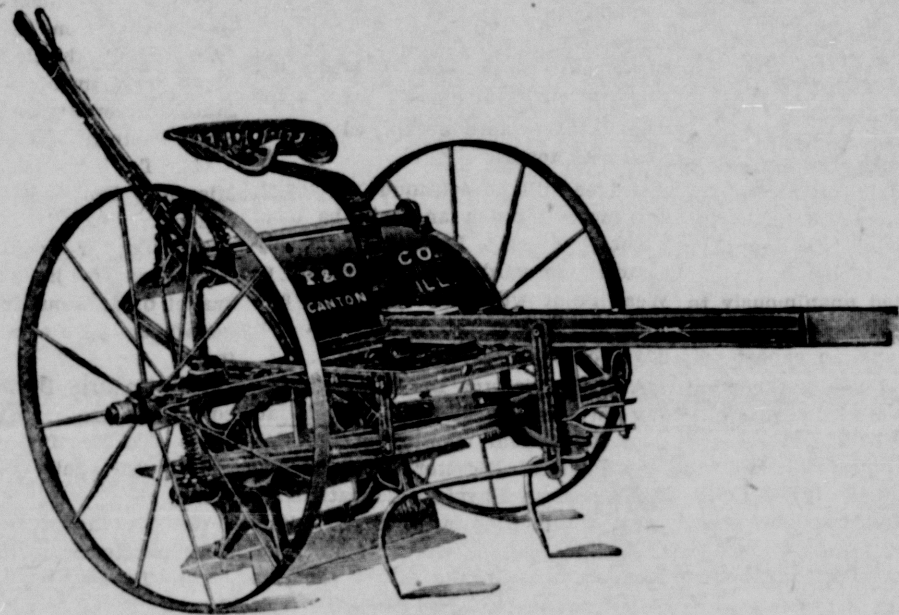
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## EXPRESS CO. RE-MEMBERS EMPLOYEES

Will Distribute as Christmas Presents Over One Million Dollars to Employees.

F. E. Hood, local agent of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, who has by his prompt, efficient and courteous treatment of the public, made himself a host of friends in this city, delivered to the Eagle this morning the following telegram from headquarters in Houston, which is self explanatory. The gifts referred to will include every employee of the company in this city, as they have all been in the service of the company over one year:

"Wells-Fargo will pay the men who have been in its exclusive employ for a year or more and who are drawing a salary of two thousand dollars per year or less, a bonus equal to one month's wages, based on salaries paid

during October, 1916. Such employees who have not been on January 1st in the company's service for a full year will become eligible for participation in all payments following their attainment of a year's service. This payment is an additional allowance to assist employees in meeting existing conditions. This bonus is to be paid to some eight thousand Wells-Fargo men and women and will amount in round numbers to a million dollars. It will mean a Christmas gift of that amount from Wells-Fargo to its men behind the guns."

## WHEAT DROPS ON PEACE MESSAGE

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of 7 cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening this morning on account of Wilson's peace message.

## TEXAS COMPANY TO RAISE SALARIES

Will Give All Employees Receiving Less Than \$2500 Per Year a Raise of 10 Per Cent.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—The Texas Company and its subsidiaries will give a ten per cent bonus to all employees receiving less than \$2500 annually. This will be effective about January 15th.

### WHITE GIFT SERVICE.

Happy and Helpful Service at Presbyterian Church.

Notwithstanding the cutting norther that blew up yesterday afternoon, a large crowd was present at the First Presbyterian church last night for the "White Gift" service. The audience was composed largely of children, as the greater part of the gifts were to come from them, and in the main they were to render the splendid program as published in the Eagle a few days ago. Every number of the program was enjoyed and those taking part not only acquitted themselves with credit, but added materially to the pleasures of the occasion.

Many gifts were brought by the children and these were packed to be forwarded to the orphanage at Itasca. The light of happiness that shone in each little face bespoke the pleasure it gave them to have a part in helping those who cannot help themselves.

A collection was taken up for the Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute at Kingsville and the sum of \$35 was raised.

## ONE LEGGED COON CONFESSED CRIME

City Marshal Conlee Secured Written Confession From Sam Smith as to Burglary of Maloney & Co.

City Marshal John D. Conlee returned last night from Marlin where he went yesterday afternoon to investigate a negro under arrest there as to his connection with the Maloney & Co. burglary in this city several months ago.

He was met at Bremond by the Marshal of Corsicana who had a lot of the goods stolen here and which were identified as the property of Maloney & Company.

The marshal of Rockdale was also present where a burglary had been committed and it was thought Smith was the man who did it. Some of the Rockdale goods were recovered and the parties who had them, identified Smith as the man they got them from. Notwithstanding this evidence he held out as innocent until 9 o'clock last night when he caved in and carried the officers out a mile and a half from town and showed them where he burned the rest of the Rockdale stuff when about to be caught. Upon returning to town he owned up to the Bryan burglary and gave Marshal Conlee a full written confession of the whole affair, telling how he broke the glass in the rear door with his crutch, how he packed the goods in suit cases, his flight from the city, subsequent movements, etc.

He was not brought to Bryan as there are cases against him at Rockdale, and probably one in Falls county, and after all is settled there will be brought to Bryan.

## FROZEN PIPES MAKE FIREMEN HELPLESS

School Building in Wichita Falls Destroyed by Fire This Morning Was Eight Above Zero.

(By Associated Press.)  
Wichita Falls, Dec. 21.—While the firemen stood helpless on account of frozen pipes, fire destroyed the new Ward school building, which has just been completed. The temperature was only eight above zero.

## AVERT COAL FAMINE IN CHICAGO

Seven Thousand Tons Received from West Virginia Today and is Being Distributed.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The arrival this morning of seven thousand tons of coal from West Virginia, which is being delivered to residences and business houses, has averted the threatened coal famine.

### PRIZES AWARDED.

W. J. Coulter Company Gives Dolls to Children Making Best Dresses.

As was advertised in the Eagle several days ago the popular firm of W. J. Coulter Company yesterday afternoon gave three beautiful dolls to the three young people who had made the best dresses for dolls. The patterns were given away by this firm about ten days ago and were furnished by the McCall Pattern Company. There were a large number of contestants and among the lot of little dresses which were made according to the pattern, there were some very beautiful ones.

The list of winners is as follows: Emory Franklin, age 12; Lucile Hensarling, age 9, and Vera Maude Tobias, age 4. Of the three winners little Miss Tobias deserves especial mention on account of her age and the well made dress she had on display.

### FIRE DESTROYS HOME.

House Occupied by Mrs. Love and Mr. and Mrs. Cammon Consumed.

Fire this afternoon about 3:30 totally destroyed the home of Mrs. O. B. Love, 25th street and Polk avenue. Mrs. Love occupied half of the house and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gammon the other half. It is reported the fire started on the side occupied by the Gammons and the origin is unknown. The contents of the building were a total loss, but the amount has not been estimated. Each family had their effects partially covered by insurance.

The house was owned by Tom C. Bittle of Hayden, Ariz., was valued at \$2,000 and was insured for \$1,000.

The fire department made a quick response, but the flames had gained such headway under the north wind that it was impossible to save anything. The adjoining homes were saved by the prompt efforts of the firemen.

# PRESIDENT'S NOTES FURNISHED HEADLINES

Prominence Given Note by British Press Shows the Astonishment it Caused—If Ententees Leave Door Open for Peace, Germany Is Ready to State Her Terms—United States May Become Peace Clearing House—Many Congratulate President.

London, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note was given the place of honor today by the newspapers, and such headlines as "Wilson's Strange Peace Essay," and "An Amazing Note," indicate in a slight measure the astonishment it caused. Much speculation was indulged in as to the motive or causes which caused the President to send such a note after his assertion he would not mediate unless invited by both groups of belligerents.

### Germany Ready to Speak.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from the Hague says it is semi-officially announced that should the entente, in their reply to the peace proposals of the central powers, leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

### No London Statement.

London, Dec. 22.—The British government will not make a statement concerning President Wilson's note, considering it a question that can only be dealt with in a communication with other members of the entente, Andrew Bonar Law said in the House of Commons today.

### Scotch Paper Criticises.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed himself in the position of an interlocutor on

the side of Germany by the Scotsman. The paper says the President heretofore has observed discreet reticence when the small nations he is so concerned about were suffering unparalleled wrongs. It says it is strange how his advisers had not wit enough to see that intervention at this juncture, following Berlin's action, runs the extreme risk of being misconstrued.

### Peace Clearing House.

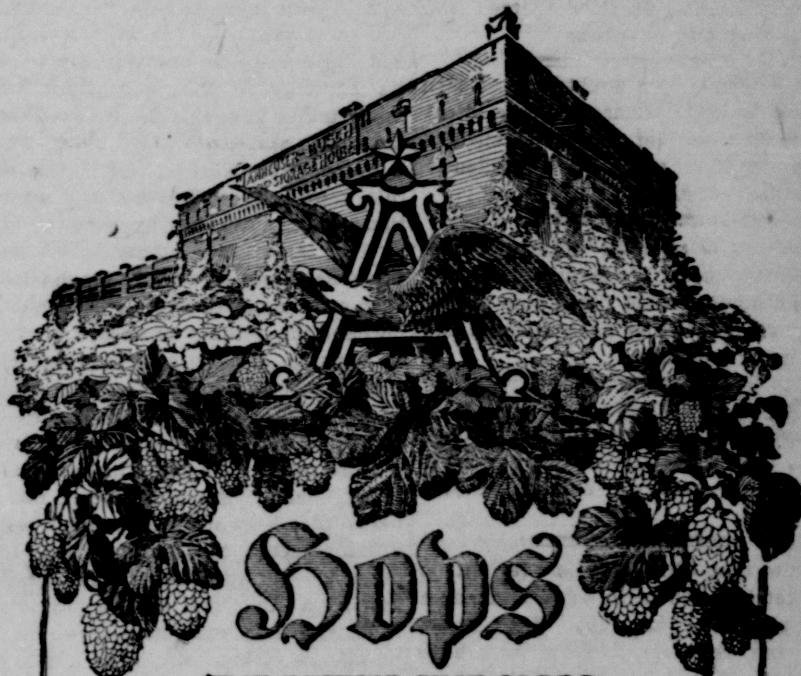
Washington, Dec. 22.—There is a growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for the views and possibly for the terms of the belligerents. Several diplomats have advised their governments to this effect, in order to guide them in their replies.

### Congratulated Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Several hundred telegrams congratulating President Wilson on his note to the belligerents arrived today at the White House. Practically all of them construed the note as a move for peace.

### Paris Gets Note.

Paris, Dec. 22.—American Ambassador Sharp, last night delivered to Premier Briand, Secretary Lansing's note to belligerents. The text of the note was published in the newspapers.



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**ANHEUSER-BUSCH** have by many thousands of pounds more Saazer Hops in their giant storage houses than has any other brewery in Europe or America. Before the war our President, while abroad on his annual hop-buying pilgrimage, bought 775,000 pounds (1550 bales) of Bohemia's very finest Saazer Hops. To this add the 500,000 pounds we had on hand, and you will see that we can guarantee our millions of patrons that **BUDWEISER** will continue, as always, to have the same exclusive Saazer Hop flavor which has helped its sales to exceed any other beer by millions of bottles.

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## For Winter Colds

You need a real tonic. Strength is required to overcome the trouble. Let that tonic be one that is specially valuable in catarrhal conditions, and you can conquer the cold. A cold is acute catarrh; it may become chronic. Chronic catarrh frequently becomes systemic, involving the stomach and the intestinal tract as well as the nose or throat. It means stagnation.

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## Bryan Weekly Eagle

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Entered at the Postoffice at Bryan, Texas, as Second-class Mail Matter.

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It's over.

It was a big one.

Everybody had a good time.

Here's for a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together for 1917.

The Christmas trees and public exercises were the best ever held.

Everybody had a good time and it was because they did their best to make others happy.

To be sure they are small packages, but all of them carry messages of love as big as the world itself.

Here's a merry Christmas for every little "tousle head" in Bryan, and may God bless you besides.

France, with the war and a prohibition campaign on her hands, should not suffer from ennui.

Now that your Christmas shopping is over, you might see Bob Smith and Will McCulloch and hang that poll tax receipt.

The papers are full of accounts of bonuses being paid by different companies to their employees as Christmas presents. Our lightning rod is up.

Turkeys are selling for 18 cents a pound in Bryan. A pork roast costs 20. Why not have a Christmas turkey?

It is said Annette Kellerman wants the wearing of all clothing abolished. From pictures of Annette we see in the papers, "she should worry."

Bryan is to have its first municipal Christmas tree in the public park Monday night. It is your tree and you'll be there, of course.

The Germans no doubt did not care so much about Rumania, their latest conquest, but that 60,000,000 bushels of grain they got with it evidently came in handy.

A headline says the French cavalry is seldom used. We should think not as the horses would likely step on the soldiers' feet if they rode them up and down the trenches.

That the poor of the city were looked after and cared for on Christmas, is a cause for rejoicing for all. No greater work can engage the public mind.

Now that Christmas is over let us all get back down to earth and begin our plans for next year. With Bryan growing like it is, there is work here for all. The town must be kept growing.

There is a coal famine in the North and East and already coal is being seized by the mayors of towns where the pinch is severest, on the ground that public necessity demands it. We should thank the Lord we live in the Sunny South where cheap fuel is plentiful.

An effort is to be made to secure a new constitution for Texas at the next session of the legislature. The old document, we admit, is a little worn in places and has to be terribly stretched at times to meet the situation, yet we fear a new one would be so juggled it would be the finish of old Jones, the taxpayer.

President Wilson has sent notes to the belligerent nations asking for more specific definitions of their aims, terms, plans, etc., with reference to peace negotiations. He thinks it but fair to the neutrals that they have this information, that some basis or plan may be worked out upon which all could stand in the further consideration of the subject of peace. If a peace conference is to be opened, a basis must be established upon which to begin.

As was to be expected, the usual amount of big talk and bluster is being indulged in by the allies relative to the peace proposals submitted by Germany. They were expected to say they would do this and they would not do that, and Germany would have to do so and so before they would even consider the proposal submitted. Well, they have had their little say, and while everybody knows they are bluffing, it has no doubt given them some relief. They will talk peace, however, before it is over with and be only too glad of the opportunity.

## DON'T LET COTTON GAMBLERS STAMPEDE YOU.

Gambling manipulation in Wall street, the past week, produced a heavy decline in cotton prices. There was not, and is not now, any legitimate cause for the decline in prices. On the contrary, all legitimate conditions were in favor of an advance. The farmers and financiers of the South—particularly of Texas—should not be stampeded into turning loose their cotton, because of these gambling manipulations. If proper financial support shall be given to the holders of cotton, I believe the 20-cent level, middling basis, will be restored, by January 10. There is clearly apparent an effort of cotton gamblers in Wall street to "shake down" holders of cotton in the South—particularly in Texas—knowing that a reaction is sure to come, in a short time, by which they would realize millions of profits by their unrighteous manipulations. "Sit steady in the boat," is the Dallas Democrat's advice to farmers and financiers of the South. If you will act together for thirty days you will defeat the Wall Street manipulators and win back and maintain your commercial and industrial rights.

Editor-Senator McNealus is addressing the wrong crowd. The crash in cotton had but small effect on the farmers, as they cashed in as fast as the cotton was gathered. It's the fellows who bought cotton to hold for higher prices, and the fellow who was trying to bust the Wall street manipulators by buying futures that was caught by the crash. They are the ones Editor McNealus should advise to sit steady in the boat, but that's mighty hard to do with additional margins being called for every fifteen minutes. The cotton game is full of tricks, even for the farmer who grows it.

## TEETH AND DISEASE.

Only in late years has the idea been advanced that the condition of one's teeth, and especially children, and one's general health, are closely related, the general health depending largely on the condition of the teeth. Tens of thousands have gone to their graves through ignorance of this fact, and to help spread this new gospel, this new era of scientific research and discovery, the Eagle gladly lends its columns in the propagation of those truths that are for the welfare, the health and peace of humanity. The following from the El Paso Herald on this subject is well worth the attention of all and especially parents:

"The importance of caring for the teeth has been frequently emphasized as a means of conserving health, but perhaps the potency of decaying teeth in causing disease has been insufficiently brought out. One case, recently brought to public attention, throws a bright light on that subject. 'The father of a little girl reported to the health editor of a Chicago newspaper that his child was bedfast, with a temperature of 105 degrees and a pulse too rapid to count. The disease had been diagnosed by the physician in charge as inflammation of the heart lining. Medicine was being given to control the heart action, but without favorable results.

"Inquiry of the father elicited the fact that the child was very fond of candy and had been indulged liberally in sweets. This suggested to the health editor that perhaps her teeth were affected, and he advised the father to have the child's teeth examined and any decayed ones removed.

"Removal of one tooth, found upon examination to be partly decayed, caused the child's temperature to fall to 103, and the pulse count registered 180. It had also been found there was another decayed tooth, a molar, which it had been deemed imprudent to extract because of possible shock to the patient. The tooth was later removed, however, and a few hours after its extraction the temperature reverted to normal. The pulse remained too rapid, but returned to normal in a few weeks.

"Professional men have for some time been advocating a closer study of the relation of bad teeth to disease, and it is their claim that many diseases can be traced directly to germs which have lodged in diseased teeth and gums, and to absorbed pus. Having good teeth is not a matter of fortunate circumstances. It is one of good care, and it is growing increasingly apparent that good teeth are a decided factor in promoting that good health without which happiness and success are most difficult to attain."

Germany has taken another long step forward in the movement looking to peace. She has invited a conference composed of delegates from all the belligerent powers to discuss the question of peace. The allies should remember the world wants peace and if they thwart it by their bull-headedness, they will lose the large measure of sympathy that has been theirs since the inauguration of hostilities.

The long-continued drought is becoming a really serious matter. There is not only a scarcity of stock water, but the ground is entirely too dry to plow and has been all the fall and winter. But little plowing has been done in the county, when in fact all the farming lands should have been broken long ago, and especially the cotton lands to have destroyed as completely as possible the boll weevils that were so numerous at the close of the picking season. Thorough fall plowing means much for the crop of the following year, not only in yield, but in the cultivation. It improves the fertility of the soil, makes the cultivation easier and conserves the moisture, all the most important elements entering into the crop of the following year.

In resolving for the New Year do not forget to stick in one, and a good strong one, too, to stand by the home merchants and all other home enterprises closer during 1917 than ever before. We cannot build up a city here, gentlemen, unless we stick together, and if we are not going to do so we had just as well "take out."

If Villa captures many more Mexican cities, Carranza will have nothing left to arbitrate with the United States. The Eagle stated many months ago the United States was dicker with the wrong party in looking to a peaceful settlement of the turbulent conditions in Mexico.

The farmer who now has plenty of corn, hay and other feedstuffs for his horses, mules and cattle, and has his meat and lard, raised on his own farm, is far better off than the man who planted all cotton and must buy all these things from the proceeds of his cotton crop. In the first place his cotton money will not anything like buy as much as he will need to run him and he will have to skip his family and his stock; and in the second place, that which he buys on the market is not anything like equal to the home-grown variety.

We give notice that so long as Texas grows plenty of "vittles" and the good Lord favors us with a ravenous appetite, we are going to find some way to get there with both feet.—Waxahachie Light.

Cap, what have your feet to do with either "vittles" or appetite?

And don't forget the fact that all those bonuses of which you read last week being paid by various and sundry corporations to their dearly beloved employees as Christmas presents, came through abnormally high prices from the pockets of the pee-pul.

## ARRIVED FROM CANADA

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fairman, Sr., of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, arrived in the city Saturday night and are the guests of their sons, W. R. Jr., Fred and Earle Fairman. Mr. Fairman says that he came down to Texas for the purpose of visiting his sons, but since he has taken a look at Bryan he will probably locate here. It had been nineteen years since Mr. Fairman at the Dixie had seen his parents.

## NEGRO CUTTING SCRAPE.

In a difficulty last night in a negro restaurant on North Main street, Geo. Crawford, colored, received a deep gash with a knife across the face. Zack Williams, colored, was arrested by City Marshal Conlee and lodged in jail.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

B. H. Wren and Beulah Taylor. Geo. Dunn and Emma Watson. V. L. Larey and Elizabeth Moncrief. T. S. Elliott and Jewel Lacey. Eugene Stark and Rosa Syms. J. A. Wren and Jennie Grissett.

## OLD NEGRO INJURED.

Was Struck By Automobile and Badly Hurt.

Uncle Albert Hill an old familiar negro character of this city and partially blind, was run down by an automobile driver by Joe Leroy on North Main street today. The accident was unavoidable and occurred when the old negro tried to cross the street. His injuries were pronounced not serious by a physician and he was removed to his home.

## PLEADED GUILTY.

George W. Hunt, the negro arrested last week by City Marshal Conlee and charged with the theft of tools from the Astin building, pleaded guilty yesterday and was fined the total sum of \$39.25.

LOST—Black Essex sow from my home at Steep Hollow; marked crop split in right, underbit in left. Reward for return or information. Ben Foster, Route 6. 16pd

## WELLBORN NEWS.

Christmas Movements at Our Neighbor Town Down the Line.

Christmas has come and gone and we are all happy for the good times we have had. The Christmas tree Saturday night under the care of our Sunday school officers was a success from every standpoint and every one seemed to enjoy it, especially the children.

Our union Sunday school is doing nicely with Mrs. R. M. Dansby as superintendent.

Mrs. Tom Johnson of Hearne is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Royder.

Mr. Willie Johnson of College Station was in our town today.

Miss Lucile Graham is home from C. I. A. for a week.

Misses Essie and Pansy McSwain are at home for the holidays, and have as their guest Miss John Eargle of Port Arthur.

Miss Mae Foster is home from school at Port Arthur for a week.

Andrew Cawthon is shaking hands with friends at Wellborn again. Andrew is now stationed in Oklahoma and making good.

Rev. J. J. Tatum supplied the pulpit Sunday, after which the deacons for the coming year were ordained.

Mrs. J. L. White spent few days here the past week from Navasota.

Miss May Barron of Iowa is the guest of Miss Helen Lee.

Quite a crowd of young people went to Bryan last night to the picture show.

Rural people are moving closer to town by buying cars. With another good crop or two and good prices for cotton, the country people will be moving as if in the city.

Will now wish the Eagle a happy and prosperous New Year, as there is nothing we like to get better than the dear old Eagle.

## CORRESPONDENT.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Afternoon Session Proceedings of the Closing Day.

The teachers' institute before final adjournment yesterday was addressed by Prof. W. A. Broyles of A. and M. College on "Means and Methods of Agricultural Education," dealing with the consolidation of schools.

The institute voted unanimously to support the county superintendent in having a lecturer and an expert primary teacher with them in the institute next year.

Mr. Noah Cole, director general, and Mr. P. A. Bennett, director of athletics for Brazos county in the Interscholastic Association, tendered their resignations, which were accepted and the following elected to fill the vacancies: Director general, P. A. Bennett; director of athletics, J. W. Tarlton.

## GULF REFINING COMPANY BOYS REMEMBERED.

Relative to the announcement in yesterday's Eagle regarding the bonus to be paid by the Gulf Refining Company to its employees as a Christmas gift, Mr. J. B. Priddy, manager for the company in Bryan, received the following from the district sales manager:

"Shortly after January 1st you will receive a check for a bonus of 10 per cent of the salary or wages paid you in 1916. This bonus will be paid you by the company to assist you in meeting the increased cost of living resulting from abnormal conditions caused by the European war, etc."

Mr. Priddy was directed to notify each employee of the company in Bryan of this action by the higher officials.

## STOLEN TOOLS RECOVERED.

City Marshal John D. Conlee reports that he has in custody a negro by the name of George Houston, who one night early this week stole a grip full of tools from a workman employed on the new Astin building. The negro made his getaway and Marshal Conlee and Deputy Worley located him yesterday afternoon close to Anderson, where he was arrested. He was brought back to Bryan and landed in jail, the tools being returned to the owner.

## DIED AT ENNIS.

Mr. C. M. Elder, aged 77, died at his home in Ennis Friday night. Mr. Elder had been in feeble health for a long time and had of late been steadily growing weaker. His daughter, Mrs. J. S. Doane, and little children, Jack and Dorothy, had been by his side for several weeks. Mr. Doane was informed by telegram Thursday night that his condition was getting worse and left immediately. Mr. Elder was one of the most prominent and highly respected men in Ennis and his death will be a severe blow to the community. Mr. and Mrs. Doane have the sympathy of their many friends in their great sorrow.

## NEW FOOT BALL COACH FOR A. &amp; M.

Dana X. Bible Has Been Signed as Chief for the Next Year—Harlan Goes to Princeton.

Dana X. Bible who started the season as coach of the Freshman team at A. and M. College at the beginning and who was called to Louisiana State University as head mentor for the Aggie pigskin artists next season, E. H. W. Harlan, All-American back from Princeton, coach at A. and M. for the past two years will act as freshman coach at Princeton.

Bible endeared himself to Aggie fans by the remarkable showing he made with the freshmen at College Station during his months work here. His record at Baton Rouge was sufficient to make the Pelicans dicker for his services for next year. A. and M. lost no time in signing the coach however, when Harlan's return became doubtful.

The new Aggie coach presents a new hobby. Annually he spends his summer vacation with the leading football mentors of the nation. "Doc" Williams of Minnesota, has had Bible for his guest one season. Cool of Cornell, Yost of Michigan, and Wilce of Ohio State all have been visited and their style of instruction and, play studied. Haughton, of Harvard, will act as instructor for Bible this coming season.

Bible's football career was started at University of North Carolina and Carson Newman College of Tennessee. Ineligibility on account of transfer rules kept him off the Ohio State University although he was a member of the squad during his one year there. Central University of Kentucky was another school which Bible represented. He was a back.

Bible has served as head coach at Carson Newman College and prior to his coming to A. and M. was head coach at Mississippi State College for three years where he turned out remarkable teams.

Graves will be continued as assistant football coach and will be head baseball coach. Liewt. Morris, all-eastern forward in basketball at West Point will coach the five, and fifth, a Chicago University man will have charge of the track work.

Athletic Director Driver left Saturday for New York where he will attend the annual meeting of the College Physical Directors' Society and the American Physical Education Society, of which he is a member. It is probable that he will, at that time, secure a man to take Bible's place as freshman coach. The one year rule has proven highly satisfactory at A. and M. and will be followed just as closely as it was this season.

The new coach has made himself popular with students and officers of the College as well. He will remain at the College all of the year and will conduct spring training for the football men. Speed is his watchword.

## BRYAN CONGRATULATED WILSON

Former Secretary of State Warmly Approves President's Note to the Belligerents.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson Thursday received a telegram from former Secretary of State Bryan congratulating him on his note to the belligerents. It said:

"You have rendered an invaluable service to a war-stricken world in asking the belligerent nations to set forth in specific terms the concessions and assurances which they deem necessary to the establishment of a lasting peace. It would be a reflection upon the nations at war to doubt that they know the ends for which they are fighting or to assume that they have any purposes which they are unwilling to reveal.

"A definite statement by both sides, no matter how far these statements may be apart, will clear the air and afford a basis for negotiations and when negotiations begin they are not likely to terminate until an agreement is reached, because neither side will consent to assume the responsibility for continuing the unspeakable horrors of this conflict, if any reasonable terms can be secured.

"Accept cordial congratulations and my earnest wish for the success of the movement which you have had the honor to inaugurate."

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Byron Prescott and Gertie Coldison. Leroy McEnturff and Mattie G. Ditto.

## TEACHERS INSTITUTE ADJOURNED

Today's Session Concluded One of the Most Profitable Meetings in the History of the Institute.

Yesterday afternoon's session of the Brazos County Teachers' Institute opened with a good lecture on "Means and Methods of Agricultural Education," by Prof. W. A. Broyles of A. and M. College. Miss Minnie Ferguson was next and spoke on "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects," dealing with geography. Afterward there was an open discussion for all on this subject. Some of the things mentioned that were of use in the teaching of geography were blackboards, sand tables map work, excursions, etc.

After recess it was voted that Brazos county enter the University Interscholastic League and an organization for this purpose was formed and the following officers elected:

Director General, Noah Cole. Director of Athletics, P. A. Bennett. Director of Spelling, W. N. Coleman. Director of Essays, Miss Mina Graham.

Director of Debating and Declamation, Prof. G. L. Powers, Jr.

## Morning Session.

The morning session of the Teachers' Institute opened with a lecture on "Landscape Gardening." Mr. J. E. Batson was next with a lecture on "How to Teach the Fundamental Subjects." During the most of the morning sectional meetings were held which were very instructive.

Several interesting and instructive lectures were given at the afternoon session after which the institute passed the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, That the Teachers' Institute of Brazos County offer its appreciation of the following:

(1) To Dr. Bizzell and his corps of lecturers from the A. and M. College and to the lecturers from the State Department of Education and State University, and Prof. Moore of Southwestern University.

(2) To Supt. W. C. Lawson and Miss May Burtis of the Bryan Public Schools.

(3) To our County Demonstrator, Mr. Beason for his assistance and the basket of delicious fruits which he so generously gave as a Christmas greeting.

(4) To the Bryan Eagle for its courtesies.

(5) To Sheriff T. C. Nunn for the use of the county court room and his office.

(6) To the citizens of Bryan for their courtesies to the teachers.

(7) To our active and efficient County Superintendent, Mr. W. L. Powers.

(8) Furthermore, Be it resolved that the Brazos County Institute go on record as favoring the following:

(a) That the Institute heartily endorse the successful trustee rally, and pledge its hearty co-operation with them for a greater rally next year.

(b) That the Institute endorse the movement which has for its purpose the bringing about of the election of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction by the County Board of Education.

(c) That the teachers of the county co-operate more fully with the County Demonstrator, Mr. Beason, and the agent of the Girls Canning Club, Mrs. Ray.

A. B. FORD, Chm.

J. E. SMITH,

P. A. BENNETT.

## SUBMARINE SIGHTED OFF N. J. COAST

Was Moving South 100 Miles Away—Nationality of Destroyer Could Not Be Learned.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—A submarine which was moving south was observed 100 miles off the New Jersey coast last Tuesday by officers of the American Steamship Advance which arrived today from the Canal zone. The nationality of the destroyer was unknown.

## STARS DEFEATED.

The Bryan Stars, a football team composed of Bryan young men, went to Calvert yesterday afternoon and played the Stars of that city. The Calvert team won by the crushing score of 21 to 0.

## LOST HOME BY FIRE.

The home of William Harrison, colored, who lives on the Mumford road inside the city limits, was consumed by fire today at noon. The fire department responded promptly, but as the house was outside the water limits, their services were not needed. The fire started from a defective flue in the kitchen. The house and contents were insured for \$1,000.







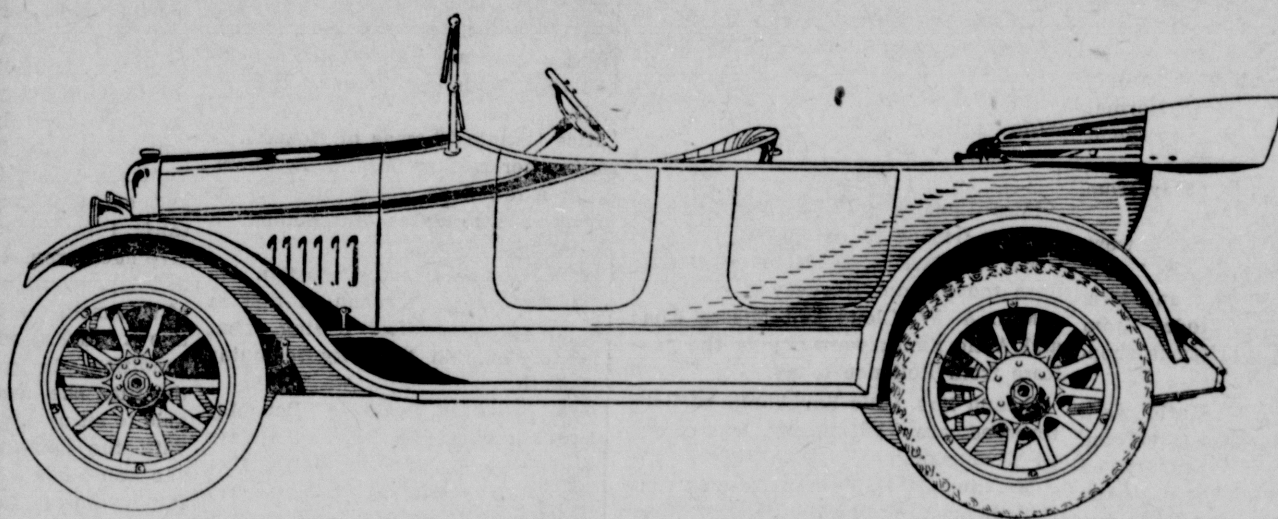
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### SOLDIER KILLED IN A QUARREL

Private John Nachesta Was Slain by Private James Macanes in a Quarrel Over a Dollar.

(By Associated Press.)  
Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 23.—Military police on the lower border are on the lookout for Private James Macanes of the Minnesota artillery. He is wanted in connection with the killing of Private John Nachesta on the Llano Grande last Wednesday night in a quarrel over a dollar.

### SWITCHMEN GET AN 8-HOUR DAY

Eight Hour Day and Straight Pay for Overtime—Foremen Get Five Cents Per Hour Increase.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 23.—An eight-hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime has been granted the members of the Switchmen's International Union by the federal arbitration board in its decision of the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. Foremen and helpers will get 5 cents per hour increase.

### WIND WRECKS BIG FLYING YACHT

Twenty Thousand Dollar Machine Was Owned by American Transoceanic Company.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 23.—The America, a large \$20,000 flying yacht owned by the American Transoceanic Company, was wrecked last night at Port Washington, Long Island, by a gale which blew at the rate of 70 miles an hour.

### VILLA HAS CAPTURED TORREON

Constitutional Congress at Queretaro Will Demand That All Denominations Pay Rent.

(By Associated Press.)  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports received here say that Torreon has been captured by Villistas. The report has been forwarded to Washington. The report said fighting started early yesterday morning and that the city was captured at 1 p. m.

E. Gandy was in the city today from his home on Rock Prairie.  
Will Shealey was in the city today from Reliance.

A. A. Dean was in town today from his home near Tabor.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cavitt were in shopping today from Wheelock.

### WEST INDIES SALE IS RATIFIED

American Minister Egan at Copenhagen Wires That State Department O. K.'s the Sale.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 23.—American Minister, Egan stationed at Copenhagen, officially informs the State Department today of Denmark's ratification of the treaty for the sale of the West Indies to the United States.

### GROUND WAS BROKEN ON TWO BUILDINGS

New \$100,000 Auditorium and Experiment Station Building to Cost \$65,000 Under Way.

Ground was broken Saturday for the construction of the \$100,000 auditorium at A. and M. College. At the same time work was begun on the new home of the agricultural experiment station, which is to cost \$65,000. The contracts, which were let to an Austin firm, call for the completion of these two buildings by July 27th.

The auditorium fills a long felt need at A. and M. The building which is now used has been condemned twice, but was bolstered and repaired and put in use again. With the present enrollment of 1,200 men the auditorium is so badly crowded that more than one hundred boys are forced to stand up or sit in the windows and on the floor, at all public gatherings.

The new building will be a fireproof structure with modern equipment and conveniences. Especial attention is to be paid to the provision of entrances and exits to facilitate the handling of the crowds. A large stage will make any kind of a dramatic performance a possibility.

The two new buildings will fit into the permanent campus plan as adopted by the board of directors two years ago. The auditorium will be erected at the end of the military walk, a paved thoroughfare, balancing the Bernard Shiba mess hall at the north end of that walk. The experiment station will be located near the structure which now houses that division of the college.

### PITCHERS TO STOP DRIVING AUTOS

Chicago American Pitching Staff May Be Prohibited Because Doctors Say It Hurts Them.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—The Chicago American pitching staff may be prohibited from driving motor cars during the baseball season. The doctors here told Manager Rowland that this has a tendency to weaken the pitchers' effectiveness.

### GROVER SMITH IS ALLOWED BAIL

Assailant of Harvey Worthington Allowed Bond in the Sum of \$10,000 in Three Cases.

Evidence in the examining trial of Grover Smith, who is charged with killing Harvey Worthington and seriously wounding Percy Worthington and slightly wounding Frank Wallin, was completed yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace W. W. Gainer. After arguments by attorneys representing Smith and the state, Judge Gainer allowed the defendant bail as follows: \$5,000 in the case wherein he is charged with killing Harvey Worthington, \$2,500 in the case wherein he is charged with assault with intent to commit murder on Percy Worthington, and \$2,500 in the case of assault on Frank Wallin.

**Afternoon Proceedings.**  
When court opened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock a number of character witnesses were placed on the stand by the defense. All of them testified that the reputation of the defendant had heretofore been good.

**Defendant Testifies.**  
The next witness placed on the stand by the defense was the defendant. His testimony was that on the night of the 7th of December he and Percy Worthington were at an Italian store in the Brazos bottom and that in a difficulty between him and the Worthington boys, Jesse and Percy, that Percy shot him in the side one time and that the bullet missed his heart about three inches; that he did not see Percy Worthington any more until the day of the killing in Bryan; that on the morning of the killing he went to Marvill's saloon about 9 o'clock and there met Buster McFarland; that he was in town that day for the purpose of attending the examining trial of Percy Worthington and that in company with Buster McFarland he went to the office of the justice of the peace at the court house and remained there for some little time; that he supposed Percy Worthington and several others with him came into the office of the justice of the peace where he was, but he did not see Percy Worthington; could not swear that he was in the office while he was there. Defendant further testified that Worthington and those with him left the court house before he and McFarland did; that he did not see Percy Worthington as he and McFarland came to town from the court house. After they came to town he did not see Percy Worthington on the streets except one time before the shooting and that he was across the street standing talking to several other parties; that he and McFarland went to a number of saloons, including Noto's, Marvill's and Knox's; that they were just knocking around town and when they saw Percy Worthington and several others standing across the street that McFarland told him that he had better keep a lookout for them. That after this they went to the Parker-Astin Hardware Company's store and he called for a 32 Colt's automatic pistol, and after examining the pistol went to the toilet in the barber shop at the rear of the State bank and loaded it, putting one shell in the barrel and eight in the chamber. After the gun was loaded they went to Knox's saloon, and that if Percy Worthington and those with him came out of the saloon as they went in he did not see them; that they came out of the saloon and started south on Main street, intending to go up about Dr. Cline's office, where McFarland expected to find his father. As they went up the street he saw Percy Worthington, Harvey Worthington and several others with them standing on the sidewalk looking into Waldrop & Co.'s show window; that he was then about 20 or 25 feet from the crowd and that Percy Worthington looked around and saw him and ran his right hand around to his hip pocket and turned toward him; he then began to shoot, intending to kill Percy because he was afraid that Percy would kill him, and after two shots were fired Percy threw his hand around, but he did not see any pistol in his hand. The crowd scattered and Percy and Harvey ran toward the entrance of Waldrop's store. As they ran they twisted around each other and that Percy ran into the door first; that he shot at Percy and accidentally hit Harvey, and that he continued to shoot until he emptied his pistol; the reason he continued to shoot was because he was frightened and scared and that they might run into the store and that Percy might shoot him from the inside; that he did not get off the sidewalk, and that he did not go through the door of Waldrop's store and point his pistol toward the dead man lying just inside of Waldrop's store and make an effort to shoot him again; that Harvey Worthington, who had the axe handle in his hand when he first saw them did not raise the axe

handle or try to strike him with it, and did nothing that he saw except to turn and run. The two shots that hit Frank Wallin were also accidental shots, the witness said. He further testified that he had known Percy Worthington about two years and that he knew Harvey Worthington when he saw him and knew them apart. After the shooting he went up to Mr. A. E. Worley, who was some place in front of the City National Bank, and said: "Howdy do, Mr. Worley; I give up."

**State in Rebuttal.**  
H. E. Peterson, a paperhanger, testified that he was on the H. & T. C. railway track just east of where the shooting occurred and that he heard the shooting and in just a minute or two Percy Worthington called to him and asked him to get a doctor, as he was shot; when he told me he was shot I examined to see whether or not he was armed and he was not. I got a car from White's garage and carried Percy Worthington to the Bryan hospital. I helped to undress him after we got to the hospital; took off his pants, his coat and shirt and he was not armed.

**A. M. Waldrop Testifies.**  
Mr. Waldrop said: "I was in my place of business at the time of the shooting and heard the shots; there were several people in the store at the time; the front doors were closed at the time of the shooting and about the time the shooting stopped the front door opened; I do not know who opened it; as many as two or three people rushed in and I noticed a man fall just inside the door; a foot or two on the inside. I saw a man with a pistol in his hand standing partly in the door right at the man who had fallen and had the pistol pointed in the direction of the prostrate man. Some one in the store, I do not recall who, remonstrated with the man who had the pistol, but I do not recall just what he said to him, as things were pretty exciting about that time."

**Will Furnish Bond.**  
At three o'clock this afternoon attorneys for the defense said that Smith would have no trouble furnishing bond. "A sufficient number have already signed the bond to secure his release but others want to sign it," Smith will in all probability be released this afternoon or early tomorrow.

**Worthington No Better.**  
Reports from the Bryan Hospital this afternoon are to the effect that the condition of Percy Worthington is still unchanged. Only slight hopes being held out for his recovery.

### VILLA OPERATING SOUTH OF CHIHUAHUA

Latest Advice to General Funston Are That the Bandit Is Now in the Vicinity of Jimenez.

(By Associated Press.)  
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—General Funston's latest advice from General Pershing indicate that Villa has undertaken a campaign considerably south of Chihuahua City. He is now operating around the city of Jimenez.

### ARCHBOLD'S SUCCESSOR IS NAMED

Vice President and Treasurer Is Selected to Fill Former Standard Oil Official's Place.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 22.—A. C. Bedford, vice president and treasurer, has been selected as president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to succeed John D. Archbold, deceased.

### LIQUOR INTERESTS FIGHT PROHIBITION

Proposal to Suppress Sale of Spirits in France Being Fought by the Liquor Dealers.

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec. 22.—Premier Briand's proposal to suppress the manufacture and sale of spirits, which is generally approved by the police, is being fought by the powerful liquor trade interests.

### JOHN D. GIVES HIS EMPLOYEES \$10 EACH

New York, Dec. 23.—John D. Rockefeller's Christmas present to each of his employees on his Tarrytown estate is a ten dollar gold piece, enclosed in a case on which is printed "Season's Greetings From John D. Rockefeller."

## GERMANY DISAPPOINTED OVER PREMIER'S SPEECH

**Says British Premier Is Arbitrary Over Peace Terms and Wants Germany to Swallow the Entente Terms Whole and Unseen—French General Promoted—British Take El Arish—Hungary to Crown King Charles—Russians Retire Before Germans.**

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Vorwaerts, one of the first newspapers in Germany to talk peace, expresses deep disappointment over Lloyd-George's speech. It says the only logical inference is:

First—The entente refuses to make peace until it can do so on the ruins of Germany as a military power.

Second—The entente, because Germany breaks treaties, will make no treaty with Germany at all, but will itself take substantial guarantees by force of arms.

Third—That Germany must swallow the entente terms whole and unseen before the premier will condescend to negotiate.

**French General Promoted.**  
Paris, Dec. 22.—Brigadier General Germaino, one of the commanders in the Verdun victory of December 5th, has been promoted to general of divisions. General Foch has been awarded a military medal, the highest distinction a general officer can receive.

**British Take El Arish.**  
London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, ninety miles east of the Suez canal, was captured yesterday by the British. El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt on the Mediterranean near the Palestine frontier, of less than 20,000 population. It had been held by the Turks since the time of their invasion of Egypt and unsuccessful attack on the Suez canal.

### ROMANIANS ADD TO RUSSIA'S BURDENS

Czar's Government Has Received Millions of Refugees Who Must Be Cared For.

(By Associated Press.)  
Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who have abandoned their houses and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other Southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium.

Russia has only partly succeeded in colonizing and assimilating the millions of homeless Poles, Jews and members of other races who fled to the interior during the first year and a half of the war. This is naturally the worst time of the year in which to care for refugees and the economic readjustment which the present political crisis has emphasized adds to the difficulty of clothing and supporting a new nation.

The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciable when it is considered that the country has received already since the beginning of the war a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering peoples whose homes have fallen within enemy lines and whose means of livelihood are either temporarily or permanently forfeited.

The wretched condition of the refugees has been steadily improved through the systematic efforts of the Russian government, working through the various refugee committees. The committees looking beyond the immediate necessities are succeeding in distributing the migratory population

**To Crown King Charles.**  
Budapest, Dec. 22.—The Hungarian Parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles December 30th, by the election of Count Tisza as paladin and 36 of its members as assistants.

**Tax Theater Tickets.**  
Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber of Deputies has approved a batch of new taxes, among which is a graduated tax on theater and vaudeville tickets.

**Russians Retire.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Russians in Northern Dobrudja have retired further north before the superior numerical Teutons, it is officially stated.

**Sank German Sub.**  
Paris, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by a destroyer, according to a report received here. This submarine recently had sunk steamers off Saint Nazaire.

**Combatants Using Artillery.**  
Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvemont, north of Verdun, last night, it was officially announced today. There was also a heavy artillery duel north of Monastir Thursday and patrol encounters on the Struma front.

**British Steamer Sunk.**  
London, Dec. 22.—The British steamer Itons has been sunk, Lloyd's reports.

throughout the interior, encouraging their colonization in fertile agricultural districts and giving them work making boots and all sorts of clothing and other immediately marketable articles. Special schools have been organized in many parts of the country for refugee children.

The American relief committee, headed by Thomas Whitmore, working in conjunction with the Titiana committee organized by the empress, has made valuable contributions to the relief work and is now devoting its energies to meeting the Rumanian problem.

### EVER SALVATED BY CALOMEL? HORRIBLE!

Calomel Is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50c a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and cannot salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Griffin arrived this afternoon from Orange to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Griffin.

## Money to Loan

I have plenty of money to make quick loans on improved farms, ranches and unimproved land. If you need a loan on your farm, ranch or unimproved land write, phone or come to see me.

**J. M. LEE**

District Clerks Office, Bryan, Texas



## EVEN MONKEYS HAVE GONE UP

Price Has Advanced From \$8 to \$18—Closing of Animal Markets Is Given as Cause.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Like most other things, the price of monkeys has gone up. Monkeys used in the pathological experiments which formerly cost \$8 now cost \$18, according to officials of the public health service. This advance is attributed to the war's closing the principal animal markets in Hamburg, Germany.

### MRS. A. S. KELLY DEAD.

## A Texas Pioneer Lady Entered Into Eternal Rest.

Mrs. A. S. Kelley, the venerable mother of Mrs. E. B. Lomax died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lomax yesterday and the remains were shipped to Houston on the afternoon train and laid to rest in that city today.

Mrs. Kelley was born in Meridianville, Ala., and was 87 years, 6 months and 14 days of age. She was the widow of the late Charles Kelley.

During Mrs. Kelley's long life she saw many wonderful changes, changes wrought both by peace and war, and the South during her lifetime was changed from a wilderness and made to bloom and blossom as the rose.

She passed through several Indian wars, also the war of Texas independence, the Mexican war, war between the states and the Spanish-American war. She came to Texas at a very early age and was living in Houston when the battle of San Jacinto was fought just a few miles below the city on Buffalo bayou. She was a member, as well as in fact a Daughter of the Republic.

Mrs. Kelley's noble traits of character and many Christian virtues endeared her to all who knew her.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

## A SINKING SHIP SENDS S. O. S. CALL

Steamship Maryland Located About 380 Miles East of Sandy Hook Calls for Help.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 26.—Steamship City of Savannah and the coast Guard Cutter Acushnet today hurried to the assistance of the steamship Maryland which on last night sent out S. O. S. messages which said she was sinking and called for help immediately. The Maryland gave her position as about 380 miles east of Sandy Hook.

## MISSISSIPPI TO BE CHRISTENED JAN. 25

Superdreadnought to Be Christened by Miss Camille McBeath of Meridian, Miss.

(By Associated Press.)  
Newport News, Dec. 21.—The superdreadnought Mississippi, which is being built here, will be launched January 20th. Miss Camille McBeath of Meridian, Miss., daughter of National Committeeman McBeath, has been selected by Secretary Daniels to christen the ship.

## ANTIS WON OUT IN TRAVIS COUNTY

Majority of Wets Estimated at 542, With Three Small Boxes Out. Was Hard Fight.

(By Associated Press.)  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—With only three small precincts to be heard from the wets carried Travis county Thursday by a majority of 542.

The contest was hard fought by both sides and when the campaign closed Wednesday night both sides felt sure of victory. The vote was heavy and as no votes were counted until the polls closed the outcome was not known until about 9 o'clock.

In the Fourth ward, the university ward, the antis received 365 votes to the pros' 493. The city of Austin complete gave the pros 2,019 and antis 2,510. The pros carried the Manor box by a majority of 80.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

A. P. Dyess and Miss Thelma Cargill.  
Grant McDougald and Miss Sue Holland.

## HORSES TREATED TO CHRISTMAS DINNER

Second Affair Arranged by Philanthropic Equine Lovers in Washington City.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—The work horses of Washington City were treated to a second annual Christmas dinner arranged by the philanthropic equine lovers of this city. Oats, fodder, carrots, apples and other dainties not served to the laboring classes of animals was on their menus.

### PAROCHIAL SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Interesting Program This morning Before Holiday Closing.

The Christmas exercises of St. Joseph's parochial school were held at the school house this morning. The house was well filled with patrons and friends of the school and the following program was well rendered by the little ones:

Dear One, Little Tots.  
Waltz, Gladys Fickey.  
Recitation—Little Chatterbox, Julia Bell Graham.

Christmas Stockings, Class.  
Piano Duet—In Twilight, Gladys Fickey and Gussie Schultz.  
Recitation—The Star of Bethlehem, Annie Konency.

Chorus—Christmas Bells, Entire School.

"The Real Santa Claus," one-act play by Frank Konency, Pete Vytopyl and John Daly.

The exercises closed with distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

### AUTO AND BUGGY COLLIDE.

In a collision yesterday afternoon on South Main street between an automobile driven by Mike DePuma and a buggy in which Beulah Stevens, colored, was riding, the buggy was demolished and the Stevens woman injured. The woman was removed to her home and attended by a physician. Eye witnesses to the accident say the driver of the car attempted to avoid the accident, but the high speed at which he was running made it impossible. Main street speed has got to be materially reduced if we are to escape serious accidents.

### A HAPPY REUNION.

Just across the Brazos river from Davis' switch at Ballyville on Sunday and Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lane was held a reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Smith, of Waxahachie, Mrs. Lane being their daughter. Among the many enjoyable affairs that are being held during the holidays there will be none that will surpass this because of the fact this was the first time such an affair has ever been held by the family since Mr. and Mrs. Smith's first child was married, ten years ago.

A big feature of the entertainment was a Christmas tree Christmas morning for the little folks, there being an even dozen in the crowd. The location of the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, which is situated not far from the bank of the Brazos river entangled in beautiful trees and fertile soils, afforded a picturesque scene for the reunion.

Those present, which included the entire family, were: Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Smith, of Waxahachie; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Smith and four children of Manor; Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Herring and little son, of Bryan; Lee H. Smith, of Waxahachie; Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Eckhart and two little sons, of Caldwell; and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lane and three children, of Ballyville. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crockett and two children, of Rita, were invited guests.

### ROCK PRAIRIE DEFEATS WELL-BORN.

In a game of Basket-ball yesterday afternoon at Rock Prairie, Rock Prairie was victorious over the Well-born team by the close score of 21 to 20. The game was very interesting and exciting throughout as the score indicates, and it was anybody's game until the last few minutes when Rock Prairie tightened up and came out winner by one point. This game was part of the Christmas celebration and drew a large crowd.

### SMITH GAVE BOND.

Grover Smith, charged with the murder of Harvey Worthington and assault on murder Percy Worthington and Frank Wallin, furnished the necessary bond in the sum of \$10,000 in the three cases late Saturday afternoon, and was released from custody.

## DR. W. H. LAWRENCE

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## SKI RECORD IS BROKEN YESTERDAY

Christ Jellum of Chicago Jumped 166 at Garey, Ill.—Making New World's Record.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Dec. 26.—Christ Jellum, a local ski jumper jumped 166 feet yesterday making what is claimed as the world's record for slope. This beat by one foot, the mark set in 1914 by Ranger Omtvedt a professional. The former amateur record for slope was 135 feet.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross the continent Dec. 26th to 30th, warm wave 25th to 28th, cool wave 28th to Jan. 1st. This will be the most severe storm of the month. It will be preceded by a great high temperature wave and followed by a severe cold wave. Its greatest intensity will develop about Dec. 30th in Eastern sections. That storm will develop a change in weather conditions that will affect the continent to the end of May at least, and probably to the end of June, and thereby will affect crop weather conditions of 1917.

The last storm in January will complete the change that is to determine the crop weather and crops on this continent for 1917. We have worked out that great problem at large expense of time and money and farmers will have only themselves to censure if they fail to profit by it. Our race should be in possession of all this knowledge, but it has cost us forty years of labor and \$50,000, therefore we cannot give it away. If we did we would be compelled to go to the poorhouse. The crop season of 1917 will be one of the most important in the history of this continent.

Next warm wave will reach Vancouver about Jan. 3rd and temperatures will rise on all the Pacific slope. It will cross the Rockies by close of January 4th; plains sections 7th; meridian 90, great lakes and Ohio valleys 6th; eastern sections 7th, reaching Newfoundland near Jan. 8th. Storm wave will follow about one day behind warm wave and cool wave about one day behind storm wave.

Most precipitation from this storm will be on North Pacific slope and in Northern Rockies. A cold wave will precede the storm, temperatures will make a great upward movement accompanying it and high temperatures will prevail for several days following it.

January precipitation will be much greater on Northern Pacific slope and Northern Rockies than elsewhere. In the Canadian Rockies and throughout Alaska deep snows and severe winter storms are expected. To a less extent these snows will affect the Canadian plains sections. The greatest of these storms are expected to reach meridian 90 during the five days centering on Dec. 31st, January 20th and 30th. Each of these will be a bad storm. You may expect them a little earlier west of meridian 90 and a little later east of it.

Not much precipitation east of meridian 90 during January and not much precipitation in the states east of the Rockies during that month.

Now that Congress is investigating the causes of the greatly increased cost of living, producers should do their part by writing to their congressmen. The grain and cotton markets are manipulated by doctoring crop news and market manipulations are expensive to the producers and consumers. It might develop something if the investigation would determine whether the brokers are interested in manipulation of crop and other news that affects the markets.

## LOONEY MAY ENTER GOVERNOR'S RACE

Has Ear to the Ground and Will Come in If He Hears a Call From the People.

(By Associated Press.)  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—Attorney General B. F. Looney Thursday gave out a statement relative to his proposed candidacy for governor of Texas as two years hence. General Looney indicates that if there is a public demand to justify his candidacy he will make the race.

"Up to this date I have not been a candidate and whether or not I shall enter the race in the future will depend on my belief that there really exists a serious demand of the public that I should become a candidate," says the statement.

## FIREWORKS CAUSE MANY ACCIDENTS

Seventy-Five Are Treated in Atlanta Hospitals on Christmas Day—Hurt by Fireworks.

(By Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, Dec. 26.—Celebrating Xmas with fireworks is responsible for most of the seventy-five injured people who were treated at local hospitals yesterday. Similar reports have been received from other southern cities where the celebration of Christmas is with fire works.

### AEROSLED AND DOGS SET NEW ALASKAN RECORD.

Made 80-Day Trip From Nome to Valdez in Ten Days.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—Scotty Allan, thrice winner of the Alaskan sweepstakes with Mrs. C. E. Darling's team of dogs, has established a new record for speedy traveling in the frozen north by making the entire trip from Nome to Valdez in a little more than ten days by means of an "aerosled." By dog team the trip is usually made in about 80 days. The news of Allan's achievement became known here Wednesday with the arrival of Frank O'Connor, Nome agent of a steamship company.

Allan took Mrs. Darling's dogs to Europe for use on the battle front in the Vosges mountains and on his way back to Nome he purchased an engine and propeller, which he installed on a sled. After several trials he undertook the Nome-Valdez journey, about 1,100 miles, in the face of almost universal skepticism.

## DENMARK RATIFIES SALE OF ISLANDS

Vote in Danish Legislative Body Was 90 to 16 on Sale of West Indies to the United States.

(By Associated Press.)  
Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—After a single reading the Folksting Wednesday adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 90 in favor and 16 against ratification. Five members were absent.

## MASONIC HOME IN KANSAS BURNED

Five People Are Missing and Several Are Suffering Severely From Injuries Received.

(By Associated Press.)  
Wichita, Kan., Dec. 22.—Five of the inmates are missing and several are suffering from injuries received last night when fire destroyed the main building of the Kansas Masonic Home. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FOR SALE—Buggy and harness, good as new, or will trade for fresh cow. Address Box 432, Bryan, Texas.

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## NEPTIS TOWED INTO PORT TODAY

Ship Which Broke Away From Tug on December 15th Rescued and Crew Has Been Saved.

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 26.—The Brazilian Bark Neptis, which broke away from the tug Garibaldi during a storm on the night of December 15, and whose crew of twelve were rescued two days after, was towed into port today.

### PEANUTS ARE PROFITABLE.

Hearne Farmers to Increase Acreage Next Year.

Hearne, Texas, Oct. 27.—A very good acreage was planted to peanuts here this year and a very good yield has been harvested. A buyer was here Wednesday offering \$1 per bushel, but some of those who are holding want better prices. The indications are that a larger acreage will be planted to peanuts the coming year.

Farmers are not going to plant all their acreage to cotton next year, but are going to plant feedstuffs also. Some of them are going to diversify, for they realize there is money in diversification of crops.

## STORM WARNINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED

Atlantic Coast From Fortress Monroe to Jacksonville Have Been Put on Lookout.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 26.—Storm warnings for the Atlantic coast from Fortress Monroe to Jacksonville and for the East Gulf Coast were issued today. The announcement said that the disturbance was over the Eastern part of Texas and would move east.

## POSTAL DEPOSITS SHOW AN INCREASE

Chicago's Postal Savings Bank Shows Large Increase Over the Same Month Last Year.

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Deposits in the Chicago postal savings bank show an increase of \$253,938 last month over the same month last year. The deposits now total \$5,298,920.

## GULF REFINING CO. GIVE HELPERS BONUS

All Employees Receiving Less Than \$2,500 Annually to Get Bonus on January 1st.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 22.—The Gulf Refining Company has announced that a bonus of 10 per cent of one year's salary will be given January 1st to all employees receiving less than \$2,500 per year.

## PORTO RICO SEES A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Five Hundred Trees Brought From New England Woods and Used in Homes.

(By Associated Press.)  
San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 26.—Five Hundred Christmas trees which were brought from the New England woods gave a real Christmas atmosphere in Porto Rico this year. The trees arrived Saturday and were sent mostly into American homes.

## COLD WEATHER BEEN PREDICTED

Zero Weather Predicted for Kansas Tonight—Wave Due in Texas Tomorrow Night.

(By Associated Press.)  
Kansas City, Dec. 26.—A cold wave will hit Kansas City and adjoining territory tonight and by morning zero weather is expected. The cold wave will reach Texas by tomorrow evening.

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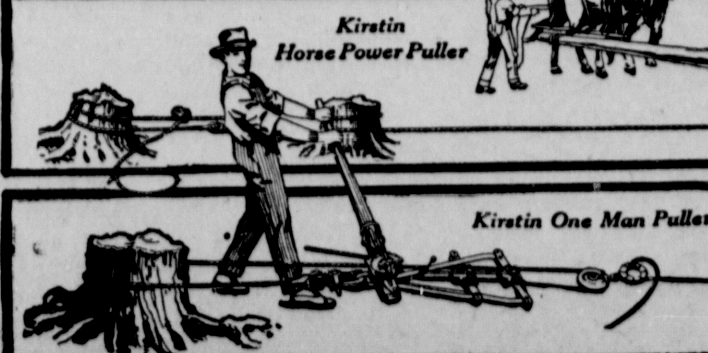
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